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For : APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF MEASURING THICKNESS OF
MATERIALS USING THE FOCAL LENGTH OF A LENSED FIBER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 4 as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

5. (Amended-Clean Text) The method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein instead of the lensed fiber 10, a normal lens is used for measuring the thickness of the material.

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Please add new claims 8, 9, and 10 as follows:

---8. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein instead of the lensed fiber 10, a normal lens is used for measuring the thickness of the material.

9. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, wherein instead of the lensed fiber 10, a normal lens is used for measuring the thickness of the material.

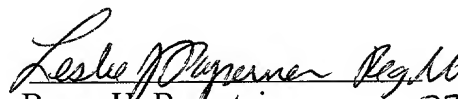
10. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 4, wherein instead of the lensed fiber 10, a normal lens is used for measuring the thickness of the material.---

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claim 5 has been amended and claims 8-10 have been added to delete multiple dependency.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

5. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 2 [machine as in any one of claims 2, 3 or 4], wherein instead of the lensed fiber 10, a normal lens is used for measuring the thickness of the material.